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JERUSALEM FOR CHARGE VIETS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, PBOR, IS, EG, US
SUBJECT: AMOCO INCIDENT

REF: STATE 63387

1. FOLLOWING IS INTERIM REPLY TO REFTEL PENDING
DEFINITIVE EGYPTIAN RESPONSE, WHICH WE EXPECT LATER
THIS EVENING.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS CALLED FONMIN KAMEL TO INFORM HIM
OF DEPT'S JUDGMENT AND PROPOSAL IN PARA 1A
REFTEL. KAMEL'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT EVEN
COOPERATION BETWEEN AMOCO AND ISRAELIS
TO RECONCILE EXISTING TWO SETS OF CARTO-GRAPHIC FACTS
WOULD MEAN INDIRECT ACCEPTANCE OF MEDIAN LINE CONCEPT.
HOWEVER, HE WISHED TO CONSULT OTHERS IN GOE (PRESUMABLY
MINISTER OF PETROLEUM HILLAL OR DEPUTY
PRIMIN SULTAN) BEFORE GIVING DEFINITIVE RESPONSE.
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AMB WILL BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH KAMEL LATER
THIS EVENING.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALSO INFORMED AMOCO EGYPT PRESIDENT
RUBASH OF DEPT'S VIEWS IN PARA 1A AND B REFTEL.
RUBASH RESPONDED AMOCO IS WILLING FOLLOW DEPT'S
SUGGESTIONS PROVIDED EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES APPROVE.

IN MEANTIME, HE WILL ASCERTAIN AVAILABILITY OF AMOCO'S
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYOR (PETER CRAWLEY MENTIONED
IN STATE 61934).

4. RUBASH ALSO REPORTED THAT AS OF 1:30 P.M. LOCAL,
MARCH 11 RIG 511 HAD SET TOTAL OF 3 ANCHORS (2 ON ITS
OWN WEST SIDE AND 1 ON ITS EAST, BUT ALL WEST OF
MEDIAN LINE), WITHOUT CONTACT OR CHALLENGE WITH
ISRAELI GUNBOATS, WHICH REMAIN IN THE AREA. HE WILL
KEEP US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND WAIT TO HEAR
REACTIONS OF EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS
TO DEPT'S SUGGESTIONS. EILTS

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